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JAVA.

*Cholera in Batavia, Soerabaya, and Samarang.*BATAVIA, JAVA, *September 10, 1901.*

SIR: Referring to my dispatch No. 24, of June 14 last, I regret to report the outbreak of cholera in an epidemic form at the coast ports in Java, also a great increase of the disease at this port within the last week.

I have, therefore, in compliance with instructions contained in paragraph No. 379 of the consular regulations, cabled the Department as follows:

"Secretary State, Washington: Cholera.—RAIRDEN."

In the month of August there were about 1,800 cases of cholera reported at Soerabaya, from which there were about 1,400 deaths; and at Samarang there were about 1,050 cases reported, from which there were some 600 deaths.

From September 1 to September 7 there have been reported at Batavia about 80 cases of cholera, of which some 68 cases were fatal. Should we experience the same weather we are having at the present time for another two months, the outlook is very gloomy.

Great credit is due the sanitary department of Batavia, by which the strictest measures to prevent the spreading of cholera are being taken.

Respectfully,

B. S. RAIRDEN,

United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

MEXICO.

*Report from Vera Cruz—Yellow fever.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *October 20, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the following transactions at this port for the week ended October 19, 1901: Vessels cleared for United States ports, 6; crew inspected, 336; passengers inspected, 123; vaccination certificates issued, 49; immune certificates issued, 1. Total, 515. Yellow fever is rapidly increasing—from 4 deaths occurred week ended October 12, to 6 deaths this week.

I inclose abstract of bills of health and weekly mortality reports.

Respectfully,

FELIX GIRALT,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,**In Temporary Charge.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosures.]

Mortality report for the week ended October 12, 1901.

Yellow fever	4	Gastro-enteritis.....	2
Tuberculosis.....	3	Entero-colitis	1
Remittent fever.....	5	Dysentery	1
Pernicious malaria	4	Deaths from all causes.....	21
Meningitis	1		
		Total	42